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St. James's, December 2.

THIS Day the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of London, waited on His Majesty, to congratulate Him on His safe Arrival; and Mr. Recorder made their Compliments to His Majesty, to the Effect following;

May it please your Majesty,

THE Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of London most humbly entreat your Majesty's Permission to congratulate your safe Return to Great Britain.

They are very sensible that (during your Majesty's Absence) your Royal Mind has been employed for the Welfare and Security of this Kingdom. That your Majesty's Cares have been extended for the Preservation of the Tranquillity of Europe, for the Cause of Religion and Liberty, and for the Good of Mankind; by pursuing of which noble Views, your Majesty establishes your Glory upon the most solid Foundation.

Your Majesty's more immediate Concern for the Prosperity of Great Britain, and your most tender Regard for your People, has been evident in a peculiar manner through the whole Course of your Reign.

By your Wisdom and the Vigilance of your Councils, your Majesty has secured them against all Attempts of their Enemies at Home and Abroad: By your constant and steady Adherence to our excellent Constitution in Church and State, your Majesty has protected them in the full Enjoyment of their Laws, their Liberties, and all their Rights and Privileges.

Therefore, Sir, Gratitude, Duty and Interest must command their Affection to your Majesty's Royal Person, and their Zeal for the Support of your Government.

These your Majesty's most faithful and dutiful Subjects humbly beg Leave to assure your Majesty, not only of their ardent Wishes for the long Continuance of your Majesty's Reign, but of their most hearty Endeavours in their Sphere, that it may in every respect be Prosperous and happy. And are perswaded, they can do nothing which will give your Majesty so great a Satisfaction, as their being vigilant to suppress all Disorders, and to preserve the publick Peace, and promoting to the utmost of their Power, the Trade, the Wealth, the flourishing Condition and Happiness of all your People.

His Majesty was pleased to receive them very graciously; and to confer the Honour of Knighthood on Felix Feast, Esq; one of the Sheriffs.

Leicester-House, January 1.

This Day M. de Chavigni Envoy Extraordinary from France, being just arrived from Hanover, had his first private Audiences of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales in their respective Apartments, to which he was introduced by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Master of the Ceremonies.

St. James's, January 3.

This Day M. Chavigni had a private Audience of the young Princesses, being introduced by the Master of the Ceremonies.

Whitehall, January 4, 1723.

His Grace the Duke of Grafton Lord Lieutenant of Irelana, having transmitted to His Majesty the following Extract of a Letter from Richard Davies and Richard White, Esqs; Justices of the Peace, dated at Bantry in the County of Corke, Dec. 4, 1723, His Majesty has been pleased to give Direction that the same should be published, to the end the Owners of the Vessel may take such Measures as the Law appoints for recovering it, and for punishing the Criminals, who are kept in Custody in Ireland in order to their being brought to Justice.

CARTERET.

Bantry, Dec. 4, 1723.

ON Friday the 29th of November ult a Sloop of about 40 Tons, arrived in our Harbour of Bantry, commanded by John Applegath, and having three other Men and one Boy on Board: He called her the William and Thomas of Cromerty in Scotland, pretended she was homeward-bound from the Island Palma, with a little Wine and some Pitch, and told a formal Story to that Purpose, but suffering much in their Passage thro' the Severity of Weather, did not think it worth while to carry her Home, and therefore exposed the Vessel and Cargo to Sale in this Place, and accordingly that same Evening sold them to Henry Galwey, Merchant in this Town.

But by Information since given to us, the Fact is, That about the Beginning of August last, the Thomas and Anne Sloop of London, Thomas Reay (a Quaker) Master, of about 40 Tons, sailed in Ballast from the River Thames to Shoaram, with the said Master, three Sailors, and the said Boy on Board; at Shoaram they took in a Loading of Wheat upon Freight to Lisbon, where they deliver'd that Cargo, and the three Sailors leaving the Master, he hired three more there, and took in a Loading of Salt and Tobacco on the King of Portugal's Account for the Island of St. Michael's, where they arrived in the Beginning of October, and having delivered the Tobacco and most of the Salt, they took in Part of another Loading of Wheat on the same Account for the Garrison of Massagan on the Coast of Barbary, and most of the said Loading being on Board, and the said Master Thomas Ray sick on Shore, John Applegath and the other two Sailors cut the Cables in the Evening about the 20th of October, and run away with the Vessel and Cargo and Boy to the Island Palma, where John Applegath assuming to be Master and Part Owner, changed the Name of the Vessel, and called her the William and Thomas, and selling the Cargo, took in some Wine and Pitch, but being frighten'd by an Account of another Ship making into the same Bay, hoisted Sails and put to Sea with little or no Loading or Provisions on Board, and went round the Western Islands to prevent a Pursuit, and after 30 Days and a great deal of bad Weather arrived in Bantry on the 29th of November last.

The Lords and others Commissioners for the Affairs of the Royal Hospital near Chelsea hereby give Notice, That all the Out-Pensioners (as well Letter-men as others) belonging to the said Hospital, residing in London and within 20 Miles thereof, are required to make their Personal Appearance before the 25th of February next, at the Secretary's Office in the said Hospital, where Attendance will be given every Tuesday and Wednesday (and no other Day,) from Eight of the Clock in the Morning till Two in the Afternoon, in order to take their said Appearance: And that all such Out-Pensioners that are at at a further Distance, do forthwith apply themselves to the next Justice of the Peace where they reside, and make Oath of their being Pensioners of the said Hospital, mentioning the Regiment they did belong to, how long they served, their Age, how wounded or disabled, the present Place of their Abode, and that they are no otherwise provided for by the Government; to the Intent the Commissioners for the said Hospital may be satisfied that such Persons are the same that have passed their Examination; which Affidavits are to be sent by the General Post only, directed to the Right Honourable Spencer Compton, Esq; Paymaster General, at the Horse-Guards, London; that no one will be entered on the Pay-Book, or entitled to the said Pension, but such as make their Appearance, or send Affidavits as before directed.

Kingsmill Eyre, *Secr.*